

CHARACTERS OF THE CROSS: Mary

Various Scriptures

- I. A Faithful Life still has Highs and Lows.

- II. Mary didn't Understand Everything about Jesus but she still Trusted in Him.

- III. Through His Death and Resurrection, Jesus met Mary's deepest needs.

Further Up, Further In

1. There are many false ideas around Mary. How do we know what to believe and what not to? (2 Timothy 3:12-17, Hebrews 10:23-25, Acts 17:10-12, Revelation 22:18-20)

2. How does Mary's humble background challenge our understanding of who God's chooses for His purposes? (Exodus 4:10-12, Romans 7:24 - 8:2, 1 Peter 5:6-7.)

3. How can we be faithful in both the highs and lows of our lives? (Habakkuk 3:17-18, James 1:2-4, Philippians 4:11-13, 1 Peter 5:8-11, Hebrews 13:5-6)

4. In what ways, do you ponder and treasure the words and life of Jesus, like Mary did? What spiritual disciplines would help you attain this?

5. What are our deepest needs, and in what ways can we trust Jesus to meet them? (Matthew 6:33-34; Phil 4:19; 1 John 5:4-5,12-13)

